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NSC BRIEFING

8 December 1954

COMMUNIST REACTION TO TAIPEI PACT

I. Peiping furiously denouncing US-Nationalist pact.

A. Main charges: US plans indefinite "occupation" Formosa; intends prevent "Chinese people" from "liberating" their own territory, which means "direct military interference" in Chinese internal affairs.

B. Also claim pact is "war provocation;" one of many US "acts of war" against Peiping; indication US preparations for aggression against Chinese mainland. (Peiping refuses admit pact is purely defensive.)

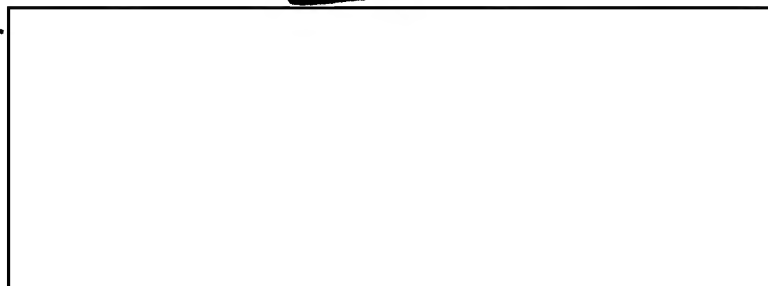
II. Chinese Commies emphasize US "responsibility": "both Moscow and Peiping claim US action is war threat."

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B. Chou (8 Dec): pact is "grave warlike provocation," and if US "persists in interfering in China's internal affairs, it must take upon itself all the grave consequences."

C. Pravda (5 Dec): "In Asia, as in Europe, US imperialists following dangerous path of provocations which intensify menace of new world war."

III. Communist comment includes emphatic reaffirmations Peking's intent "liberate" Formosa despite US.

A. Pravda (5 Dec): repeats Chinese press assertion Chinese people "sufficiently powerful to liberate Formosa," also says US should give "serious consideration"

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- B. Chou (8 Dec): Chinese "determined to liberate" Formosa and "will never buy peace with their own territory and sovereignty."
- C. However, both parties careful not to set any deadline for Formosa's "liberation."
- D. Peiping appears still to believe that further preparations necessary before operation feasible.
- E. We do not expect Chinese Communists will attempt invasion Formosa this winter, although nuisance air raids possible.

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